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E.O. 12958: N/A TAGS: <u>ASEC</u> <u>AMGT</u> TAGS: ASEC AMGT PTER CASC DR SUBJECT: EAC MEETING

- 11. SUMMARY: US EMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO CONVENED AN EAC MEETING ON 22 SEPTEMBER 2008, REGARDING A SEVERE STORM WATCH THAT MAY BRING HEAVY RAIN F
- 12. ACCORDING TO LOCAL WEATHER REPORTS RAINFALL HAS STARTED IN THE PUNTA CANA AREA, EAST OF SANTO DOMINGO, AND THE STORM APPEARS TO BE HEADING IN A NORTHERN DIRECTION.
- 13. THE EAC DISCUSSED GRANTING LIBERAL LEAVE TO MISSION STAFF IN ORDER TO AVOID FLOODED AREAS THROUGHOUT THE CITY AND AN ADMINISTRATIVE NOTICE
- 14. THE RSO IN COORDINATION WITH THE MSG COMMANDER WILL ENSURE AN ADDITIONAL MARINE BE ON DUTY IN ORDER TO SUPPORT SECURITY OPERATIONS AT POST
- 15. THE CLO WILL SEND OUT A MISSION NOTICE IN REGARDING THE AMERICAN SCHOOL, "CAROL MORGAN", POSSIBLY CLOSING DUE TO SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS

16. A WARDEN MESSAGE WAS SENT OUT TO INFORM EMBASSY STAFF AND FAMILY MEMBERS ABOUT THE STORM WATCH AND RECOMMEND PROCEDURES TO FOLLOW IN CASE OF UNFORESEEN EMERGENCIES.

17. (U) THE EAC WAS ADJOURNED WITH AN AGREEMENT TO RECONVENE SHOULD THE SITUATION WARRANT ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION.

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